5. The Senior Surgeon is requested to stock and supply on requisition the necessary drugs for the treatment of patients for Hookworm in the Dispensaries situated in the Hookworm zone. He is requested to report to Government if any additional funds are required. The Deputy Commissioners and Presidents of local bodies and the Officers of the Medical and Public Health Departments in the Districts of Shimoga, Kadur, Hassan and Mysore are requested to render all assistance to Dr. Sweet and his staff in carrying on his work. Government trust that Coffee and Tea Planters will co-operate with Government in these measures. The Deputy Commissioners of Districts should enlist the interest of Planters and other employers of labour in their districts and secure their co-operation.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.

Directs that the powers of the Presidents of District Boards to dispose of Estimate for Repairs be raised from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,000, etc.

READ—

Notification No. L. 2035—L. B. 81-28-2, dated the 4th September 1928, revising rules 12 and 13 about the powers of the District Boards, to sanction estimates for Public Works, issued with notification No. L. 5470—L. B. 25-26-33, dated the 5th February 1927.

2. Letter No. S. B. 529, dated the 12th September 1928, from the President, District Board, Kolar, enquiring whether estimates for repairs exceeding Rs. 500 should be scrutinized by the Public Works Department under the revised rules issued with the notification dated the 4th September 1928 read abov,e and stating that if such a scrutiny is necessary there will be considerable delay in the execution of the repairs and that under the original rules issued with notification dated the 5th February 1927, such scrutiny was limited to original works only.

ORDER No. L. 4945-54—L. B. 81-28-5, DATED 25th—26TH JANUARY 1929.

The Chief Engineer who was consulted in the matter has stated that under the existing rules the power of disposal of estimates by Presidents of District Boards is limited to Rs. 500 both in the case of original and repair works, that some sort of limit is necessary in the case of estimates for repair works also as the District Boards have not got competent Technical Assistants and that the limit may perhaps be raised from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,000 in the case of repair estimates, those exceeding the limit being got scrutinised by the Public Works Department. Government agree with the Chief Engineer and direct that the limit be raised from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,000 in the case of repair estimates, as proposed above.

2. Clause (*a*) under Rule 12 issued with the notification dated the 4th September 1928, will be modified as below:—

"Estimates not exceeding Rs. 2,500 (except repair estimates for and below Rs. 1,000 and original estimates for and below Rs. 500) shall be scrutinised by the Board Engineer if any or by the Executive Engineer of the Public Works Division concerned."

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Report on the Administration of the Muzrai Department during 1927-28.

READ—

The report on the working of the Muzrai Department during the year 1927-28, received with the Muzrai Commissioner's letter No. 286 of 1928-29, dated the 15th October 1928.

ORDER No. 1386-8—MUZ. 147-28-4, DATED 22ND JANUARY 1929.

Recorded.

2. *General.*—The year under review was marked by improvements in the administration of the Muzrai Department in several directions.

3. Two sets of Rules—one under the Mysore Religious and Charitable Institutions Regulation VII of 1927 and the other defining the powers of Muzrai Officers with reference to matters not coming under the purview of the Regulation were framed and issued.

4. With a view to expedite the programme of restoration of Muzrai Buildings, the State Grant for construction and repairs was increased from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 20,000 for a period of five years and a separate grant of Rs. 5,000 was also made in the Budget of the Public Works Department for the restoration and improvement of ancient monuments. The Deputy Commissioners of Districts were empowered to sanction estimates up to Rs. 1,000.

5. The Muzrai Establishment Fund was finally constituted by the levy of contributions from Muzrai Institutions on the scale sanctioned and the establishments in the several offices were also suitably revised with a view to cope with the work of their Muzrai Branches.

6. A system of audit of Muzrai accounts by peripatetic auditors was introduced. A Property and Income Register was prescribed for maintenance in every institution having transactions in the Treasury. Government note that steps are being taken with the help of the auditors to prepare an accurate classified list of Muzrai Institutions in each District and a complete statement of property belonging to each institution. The Muzrai Commissioner is requested to have the Property and Income Register of each institution properly maintained and kept up to date.

7. The system of Pass Book which was introduced with the object of regulating the transactions of each institution with the Treasury is reported to be working satisfactorily.

8. Final orders were passed regarding the disposal of the savings from the abolished Annachattrams. Out of the savings, a sum of Rs. 15,000 was assigned for the development of the indigenous systems of medicine—Ayurveda and Unani—and Rs. 2,000 to each of the Districts for allowing grants-in-aid to Homes for the relief of the aged and the infirm. The Ayurvedic College at Mysore was reorganised at an annual cost of Rs. 35,000 and the reorganisation provides for the teaching of both systems of medicine, for the opening of in-patient wards in the Ayurvedic and Unani Dispensary attached to the College and for the grant of scholarships at enhanced rates to students undergoing training in both courses.

Two Pandits of the College were deputed to Travancore to study the special methods of treatment adopted in similar institutions there.

With the donation of Rs. 15,000 made by Asthana Vidwan Pandit Ratnam Gundlupet Lakshmanachar and the contribution from the Chattram Savings Fund, the construction of a building for housing the Ayurvedic and Unani College and Dispensary has been sanctioned and the work is now in progress.

9. Arrangement was made for issuing the Budget of the General Muzrai Fund for 1928-29 along with the State Budget.

10. *Income and Expenditure of Muzrai Institutions.*—The total receipts of Muzrai Institutions in the State amounted to Rs. 9,77,563 with an expenditure of Rs. 9,10,201 as against Rs. 7,56,139 and Rs. 5,72,674 respectively in the previous year.

11. *Construction and Repairs.*—The aggregate value of works sanctioned during the year as well as of those pending at the beginning of the year was Rs. 2,47,027. Works to the extent of Rs. 88,239 were completed during the year. There were 149 incomplete works at the close of the year. Government hope that the execution of these works will be expedited and that better progress will be shown in the current year.

12. *Private Endowments.*—In addition to offerings of jewels and small plots of land aggregating 36 acres, private endowments in cash and bonds of an aggregate value of Rs. 43,350 were accepted during the year. The more important among them are :—(1) Rs. 10,000 from Mrs. Lakshmidevamma given in addition to Rs. 40,000 already endowed for the maintenance of the Vaisya Boarding Home at Bangalore, (2) Rs. 6,000 from Mr. B. Chinnaswami Chetty, for the benefit of Polepally Subba Chetty's Charities, (3) Rs. 5,000 from Mr. Komarlu Muniappa Chetty for Girijakalyanotsava of Sri Kasi Visveswara Temple at Tyamagondlu ; and (4) Rs. 5,000 from Swami Yogiswarananda for services in the Sri Ramakrishna Matt, Ulsoor, Bangalore, on the Birthday of Sri Ramakrishnadeva.

13. *Scales of Income and Expenditure.*—Scales of income and expenditure were fixed in respect of 76 institutions during the year as against 71 in the previous year. Information is not furnished as regards the number of institutions for which scales have yet to be fixed. This important item of work should be completed early and the auditors instructed to report progress from time to time.

14. *Mathas.*—The property of the nine Mathas mentioned in the review of the previous year continued to be under Government management. The Parakala Matha lands were also taken over under Government management during the year.

The outstanding arrears of the Vyasarayaswami and Parakalaswami Mathas have been appreciably reduced ; prompt steps should be taken to collect all the remaining dues. Government are glad to note that the Swamies of Bhimanakatte and Sivaganga Mathas are making satisfactory progress in their studies. The Swamy of the Avani Matha has been permitted to stay in Bangalore in the interests of his education. The succession to the vacant Peetas of Sri Sravanabelagola, Adi Chunchinagiri and Avani Mathas was settled in the year under report.

15. *Loss of Property in Muzrai Institutions.*—Eighteen cases of loss of properties in temples were reported during the year, the aggregate loss being Rs. 484. Of the cases taken up by the Police, two are reported to be under investigation. One was detected with the result that the lost properties were traced and restored to the temple and another was pending before the Magistrate. In the remaining cases, the property lost has been ordered to be replaced by the temple servants concerned.

The Muzrai Commissioner is requested to take early action to have the offerings made by devotees regularly recorded in the prescribed lists and to have them checked by Inspecting Officers.

16. *Alienations.*—Fourteen new cases of unauthorised alienation of temple lands were noticed during the year. Including the 52 cases pending from the previous year, there were 66 cases for investigation of which 28 were finally disposed of, leaving a balance of 38 cases. The proposal of the Muzrai Commissioner for the appointment of a Special Officer to speedily investigate cases of unauthorised alienation in Taluks having large endowments is engaging the attention of Government.

17. The financial position of the temples at Nanjangud, Seringapatam, Devarayagudi, Kudli and Sorab is stated to be unsatisfactory as their expenditure exceeds their income. The Muzrai Commissioner is requested to have these cases fully investigated and their position reduced to order by improving their revenue or reducing their charges.

18. *Inspections.*—The Muzrai Commissioner inspected 22 important institutions. The Deputy Commissioner, Kolar, is reported to have inspected the major and minor institutions in the District. The Deputy Commissioners of Hassan and Mysore inspected 58 and 44 institutions respectively. The inspection by the other Deputy Commissioners does not appear to have been adequate. The attention of all Officers is invited to the standing orders relating to inspection of Muzrai Institutions. Government agree with the Muzrai Commissioner that there should be a systematic inspection of jewels of all major and minor institutions by local officers and it should be an important point of these inspections to see that satisfactory arrangements are made for the safe custody of jewels.

19. *Visit of Important Personages and Special Functions.*—His Excellency the Viceroy and Lady Irwin visited the Gumbuz at Seringapatam. His Highness the Maharaja of Benares visited the temples at Seringapatam, Belur, Halebid and Sravanabelagola as also the Gumbuz. Special services were conducted in all the Muzrai Institutions on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the Reign of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

20. *Institutions outside the State.*—The question of placing the management of the Ranganathaswamy and other temples in the Sivasamudram Jahgir on a satisfactory footing is engaging the attention of Government. A sum of Rs. 26,042 was spent on the reconstruction of the Mysore Chattram at Benares. Orders have been passed for providing accommodation to all pilgrims in the Tirupathi Chattram by adding a wing to the existing building.

21. Government are glad to note that the administration of the Department by the Muzrai Commissioner, Mr. D'Souza, during the year under review was very satisfactory.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.